



Renewable Energy Grantees To Take Part In National Solar Tour

October 2nd Event Will Highlight Solar Power Across Indiana and U.S.

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(Indianapolis) – This weekend’s National Solar Tour will feature a number of solar power and renewable energy installations in Indiana. Among them, 14 recipients of nearly \$300,000 in Alternative Power and Energy grants through the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED). This is the second year solar power facilities in Indiana have taken part.

“This is a great way for Hoosiers to find out more about renewable energy in Indiana”, said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who oversees OED. “These groups are on the cutting edge of our mission to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources.”

The American Solar Energy Society’s National Solar Tour on October 2, 2010 will include 5,500 solar power sites across the United States. The purpose of the event is to highlight the use of solar power, and provide the opportunity for the public to get a close look at how solar power is being integrated into businesses and homes. More information about ASES and the National Solar Tour is available at <http://nationalsolartour.org/>.

Alternative Power and Energy grant participants include:

Tour site	Location		Tour site	Location
Bloomingfoods	Bloomington		Merry Lea Environmental Center	Wolf Lake
Caldwell Eco Center	Bloomington		MiddleWay House	Bloomington
Hilton Garden Inn	Indianapolis		Schmidt & Associates	Indianapolis
Indiana Municipal Power Authority	Carmel		Silvey Farm	Kokomo
Law Offices of Matt Elkin	Kokomo		Sunspot Market	Kokomo
McCormick Motors	Napanee		Upland Brewery	Bloomington
Merrillville Town Hall	Merrillville		TF Publishing	Indianapolis

Note: TF Publishing is a wind turbine installation participating in the tour.

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The Indianapolis portion of the Tour begins at the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Cool Creek Nature Center in Carmel. Presentations from OED and others, as well as a tour will begin at 2:00pm. A complete list of participating locations in Indiana is located at <http://nationalsolartour.org/location/directory/IN>.

Since 2005, the Indiana Office of Energy Development has granted \$1.71 million to applicants developing small-scale renewable energy projects for small business, public and nonprofit agencies. Over \$34 million has been leveraged to develop 59 clean energy projects in that time.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov, or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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